

5. INDRA, this *Soma*, effused for thee T>y
the stones
mcl mixed with milk, is offered
auspiciously (in the
ire) for thy exhilaration.
6. IXDHA, hear with favour my call; be
present
at the drinking of this our libation
mixed with
milk, and be satisfied.
7. ^Whatever *Soma* has been poured
into the cups
and the bowls¹ for thee, drink it, INDHA,
—thou art
the sovereign,²
8. Whatever *Soma* is seen in the
vessels³ like
the moon (reflected) in the waters, drink
it,—thou
art the sovereign.
9. Whatever *Soma* the hawk⁴ bore for
thee with
its feet, having won it, till then
inviolate, from the
(guardians of the) upper worlds, drink it,
—thou art
the sovereign.

¹ The Soma-libations are poured from two kinds of
vessels, the
c'>t?m(?sax, i.e. cup>, and the *yra'furs*, or saucers
(here called *dun/tit*},
cf. Hang, Ait. Br. tran<L p. 118.

• Silina Veda, I. 2. 2. 2. 8.

² i.e. it is thus seen in the cight/mz/^s. Siiyaya
give? another
interpretation of (*'jpw* "in the waters"³ as
antarikshe ^{EC} in the
sky," *niriiiialaija*, the Soma being likened to the
moon frr its
purity.

⁴ This alludes to the legend firen in the
Tait. .Sanhit-t, vi.].
'ef. also Ait. Brahm. iii. 2-3-27^ which tells hr_A\
the Gayatri as
a hawk brought the Soma from heaven. The

portions which
she seized with her feet became the morning and
the mid<tay
libation, thut which she seized with iier bill became
the evening
libation.